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SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS WITH AMB ROVIRA

1. AMBASSADORS ROVIRA AND ALBA, ACCOMPANIED BY DIR GEN DURAN AND EMBOFF, HAD MEETINGS MARCH 15 WITH AMB. MCCLOSKEY, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN. DISCUSSIONS OF THE KING'S VISIT WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. THIS CABLE COVERS CONVERSATIONS ON RADIO LIBERTY, NPT AND STATUS OF TREATY RATIFICATION.

2. RADIO LIBERTY: HARTMAN EXPLAINED THAT BIB ENJOYED BROAD CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR BROADCASTS OF RADIO LIBERTY AND THAT RESULTS OF ABSHIRE VISIT WOULD BE VIEWED WITH INTEREST. DURAN NOTED THAT MARCH 23 DATE OF EXPIRATION WOULD NOT APPLY AND THAT RL OPERATIONS WOULD CONTINUE "FOR A TIME". HE ALSO SAID HE HAD READ THAT VOA DID NOT WISH TO ABSORB BIB BROADCASTING BECAUSE IT PREFERRED  
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NOT TO DO THAT KIND OF BROADCASTING. HARTMENT POINTED

OUT THAT VOA REPORTS NEWS ON AMERICA WHILE BIB DOES BROADCASTING ON EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND THAT VOA IS UNDER US EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHILE BIB OPERATES UNDER INDEPENDENT BOARD. DURAN COMPLAINED THAT RL HAD IN PAST CARRIED STORIES CRITICAL OF SPANISH GOVERNMENT, BUT DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS. IT WAS NOTED THAT RL BROADCASTS TO EASTERN EUROPE, NOT SPAIN. COMMENT: INFORMATION ON RL BROADCASTS CRITICAL OF GOS WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. NPT: ROVIRA ASKED ABOUT QUESTION OF NPT ADHERENCE IN RELATION TO TREATY RATIFICATION. HARTMAN POINTED OUT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IN STATEMENT MARCH 9 TO SENATE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS BUT OPPOSED SUGGESTIONS THAT US JOIN WITH SOVIET UNION OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPORTERS TO PUT PRESSURE ON OTHER STATES. ADHERENCE TO NPT OR OTHER SAFEGUARDS AGAINST PROLIFERATION MUST BE ACCEPTED SINCERELY BY PARTIES OR WILL BE INEFFECTIVE. ALBA OBSERVED THAT SPAIN IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO STRICT SAFEGUARDS UNDER AGREEMENTS WITH US AND IAEA. HARTMAN CONCLUDED WITH DESCRIPTION OF US CONCERNS ABOUT NEED TO STRENGTHEN SAFEGUARDS OVER COMPLETE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE.

3. TREATY RATIFICATION: ROVIRA ASKED BOTH MCCLOSKEY AND HARTMAN ABOUT EFFECT ON TREATY OF RECENT EVENTS IN SPAIN. MCLCOSKEY AND HARTMAN RESPONDED THAT RATIFICATION PROCESS WAS GOING FORWARD AS EXPECTED BUT RECENT NEWS STORIES ON DEMONSTRATIONS IN SPAIN COULD RAISE CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS. MCCLOSKEY AGREED TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS FOR ROVIRA'S MEETINGS WITH INTERESTED SENATORS TO EXPLAIN REALITIES OF SITUATION AND GOS REFORM PROGRAM. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, DURAN SAID THAT GOS HAD NO PROBLEM WITH LANGUAGE OF CLARK/EAGLETON RESOLUTION ON RATIFICATION. BOTH DURAN AND ROVIRA ASKED ABOUT QUESTIONS OF SEPARATE FUNDING AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER TREATY; MCCLOSKEY EXPLAINED THAT SENATE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT MULTI-YEAR AUTHORIZATION BUT THAT THIS SHOULD NOT RAISE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR RATIFICATION. ROVIRA SAID HE WOULD REMAIN IN WASHINGTON FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS SO LONG AS DESIRABLE. KISSINGER  
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